



Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library Newsletter

Friendly Notes

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What's New?

It's official, Spring has sprung! As I'm writing, we're seeing our yards turn green and flowers blooming all around. It's the season of renewal and we want to bring that spirit to the Friends of the Library, too.

While we have been perennial supporters of our local library and, by extension, the Norwood community, we're now looking for new ideas. In particular, we are interested to hear from the membership at large about how we can raise support and awareness of the library. We want to know about programs and events you'd like to see the group support.

On **Thursday June 3 at 7:30pm** we hold our annual meeting. As always, we're hoping to see you there! This year, we will open the floor to a discussion of new ideas. The Board will then review them at our next Board meeting. We're excited to see what you have in mind! Entertainment will be provided by Beth Goldman and Margot Sullivan, who will present *Foreign Intrigue*, a curious and curiouser medley of the latest mystery reads from countries near and far. Brush up on geography and foreign languages. Have your passport ready! You never know where they might take you! Both librarians are famous (or infamous) for reviewing books over the years. Join us for a fun, informative, and entertaining evening.

As a primer and to remind everyone what great things the group has been doing, here's what we've been up to recently:

Author Nights: On April 8, we hosted a wonderful evening with local author Margot Livesey. Margot has written six novels including her most recent, *The House on Fortune*

Street. The event included the author reading from this novel as well as a lively discussion of her process and experiences. We're truly lucky to be able to make such events available to the community.

Book Sales: One of our most popular events is coming back in May! Twice a year we put on one of the best book sales in the area. On May 1-2, the public will be invited to purchase from a vast array of books and other media. Members – we get the first peek on April 30 from 3pm-5pm!

Support for library materials and programming: Our group consistently supports the library directly by purchasing materials (with a focus on media such as audiobooks and videos), and programming (for example, children's summer programs). It's particularly gratifying to see how these key initiatives directly impact the resources the library is able to offer its patrons.

Co-Sponsoring of Events: We don't always work alone. By partnering with such groups as the Literacy Program and The Norwood Arts Council we are able to bring even more events to the community. Likewise, when we raise funds through events like our holiday gift-wrapping at Barnes & Noble, groups help us shoulder the work and share the benefits.

So there you have it. While the Friends remains a vital group dedicated to the support of the library, we on the Board are excited to see what ideas you can bring to the table so that we can do even more!

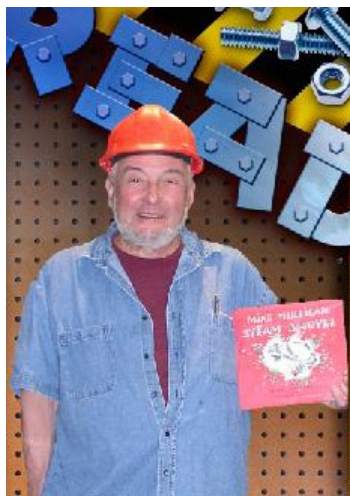
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Hank Gallant: A Man in Perpetual Motion

If you need to reach Hank Gallant in a hurry, don't use e-mail. You are not going to catch him that way, because this man is in perpetual motion. When he is not fulfilling his duties as the Morrill Memorial Library's Head Custodian and Safety Officer, he is taking care of his home or his family. Or someone else's home that needs attention, particularly after the recent flooding.



Hank Gallant has been part of the library staff since 2002. You will recognize him, even if you don't know it. Look for the gentleman with the T-shirt, suspenders, blue jeans and cap. And the smile in his eye. If there is something he can do for you, you can count on him to be a resource.

Hank's connection to Norwood began when he married Ellie and they moved here in 1963. The next time you enter the library through the main door, take a look to your left and you will see the memorial bench in her name. And, when you come to the second floor, near the reference librarian's desk, you will see a lovely colored pencil sketch of the library and the local churches, sitting atop of the mantelpiece around the fireplace, done in her memory.

Hank came to work at the library after 40 years in the bookbinding business. When asked what his favorite part of his job at the library is, Hank took a moment to respond, looked up and told me, "getting to meet people...It's a great bunch of people." And if you ask the staff, you will hear of how he takes care of them, just as much as he takes care of the building.

Because Hank does not sit still for long, it makes sense to ask what else is going on for him outside of the library. He may tell you about the sixth home that he is currently remodeling (in Norwood, of course). And he has not stopped serving Sunday morning breakfast to his family. With a table set for eight, there is always room for another person or two. You can count on eggs, sausage, bacon, pancakes, and perhaps a switch up with french toast or pigs in a blanket. And of course, there is the clean-out and demolition business that he runs with his son that keeps him out of trouble.

Unfortunately, 30 minutes was all the time he had for me. He looked at his watch and told me, "Gotta go get the Easter eggs for the kids." He smiled, made his goodbyes and took off down Washington Street, peering into the window of a local shop.

—Debbie Lipton

Friends Annual Meeting and Elections June 3 at 7:30pm

Please join us 7:30pm on Thursday, June 3 for the Friends of the Library annual meeting and bring your ideas with you.

At the meeting we will also hold elections for the Executive Board. This is the perfect opportunity to join a dynamic group and promote the library at the same time. Nominations for officers for the 2010-2011 Friends of the Library Executive Board are as follows: President: Dan Corzilius, Vice President: Justin Sun, Treasurer: Deborah Henry. Assistant Treasurer: Peggy Thorne, Recording Secretary: Joanne Warren,

Corresponding Secretary and Membership Chair: VACANT. Members at Large: Martha Colamaria, Patty Corzilius, James DeChene, Eileen Flood, Ann Foley, Patricia Hines, Mary Jackson, Debbie Lipton, Barsha Plumer. Additional nominations will be accepted during the meeting.

And don't forget the entertainment. Librarians Beth Goldman and Margot Sullivan will present *Foreign Intrigue*, the latest mystery reads from countries near and far.

Spring Author's Night with Margot Livesey



On April 8, 2010, the Friends of the Library welcomed author Margot Livesey to discuss her work. Ms. Livesey has written six novels, *The House on Fortune Street* and *Eva Moves the Furniture* being two of them. She is currently the writer-in-residence at Emerson College. Ms. Livesey grew up as an only child at an isolated boarding school for boys located in the Scottish Highlands. She remarked that two of her favorite childhood possessions were her bicycle and her library card. For her, they were

both important means of transportation.

Ms. Livesey treated the audience to readings from her most recent novel, *The House on Fortune Street*, a story set in contemporary London. From the selections that she read, one could surmise that her story delves into the often complicated territory of friendships. Her lovely accent and eloquent delivery of her work were mesmerizing.

During the talk, Ms. Livesey invited the audience to ask questions. The audience learned that Ms. Livesey's current novel-in-progress is a coming-of-age tale about a heroine going out into the world on a journey. She tries to write every day and prefers to write in the morning. Ms. Livesey shared with the audience that her mother had experiences with the supernatural, and that formed the basis for her novel *Eva Moves the Furniture*.

Ms. Livesey delivered a fascinating and enjoyable talk. Look for her books at the library.

—Deborah Henry

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Sign up for these free events by calling the library at 781-769-0200.

Spring into Summer

Sunday June 13, 3pm

Neponset Valley chamber players will present "Spring into Summer" with a spring bouquet of music by Beethoven, Mozart, Cole Porter, George Gershwin and Leroy Anderson. Mana Washio, Flute; Tera Gorsett, Violin; and Shay Rudolph, Cello will be performing. Join us for this wonderful program.

The Last Muster: Images of the Revolutionary War

Thursday June 17, 7:30pm

Local historian and author Maureen Taylor will present a collection of rare nineteenth century photographic images of the Revolutionary War generation. This extraordinary collection assigns faces to the unillustrated war and tells the stories of our nation's founding fathers and mothers. Through these portraits and the accompanying narrative, readers will have the opportunity to relive the Revolutionary War.

Summer Movies of the 1960s

Mark you calendars - Thursdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29: Summer movies of the 1960s. *Some Like It Hot* (1959) starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe; *Where the Boys Are* (1960) starring Connie Francis and George Hamilton; *Blue Hawaii* (1962) starring Elvis Presley; and *Beach Blanket Bingo* (1965) starring Annette Funicello. Sign up for a trip down memory lane or to see what your parents, or even your grandparents thought was exciting entertainment.

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Upcoming Events at the Norwood Library

Tuesday April 27, 7pm

Private Partner, Public Life: Interviews with Poets and their Spouses. Jeffrey Cramer, Curator of Collections at the Thoreau Institute at Walden Woods, will present.

Friday April 30 3-5pm

Saturday May 1, 9am-5pm

Sunday May 2, 2pm-5pm

Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale. Support the library by attending the sale or making a book donation. Special preview Friday April 30 for Friends of the Library members.

Thursday May 13, 7:30pm

Here Comes the American Wedding. Judy Bernstein will trace the

evolution of the American wedding from the 18th century to today.

Sunday May 23, 3pm

Mr Alfred Watson, classical pianist and composer, will perform selections from Swan Lake by Tchaikovsky. He will tell the story of each scene, providing commentary about how the ballet was created and some history and insights into the work of this famous composer.

Thursday May 27, 7:30pm

Boston Harbor Islands National Park. Marguerite Krupp, a volunteer, shares the history of the Boston

Harbor islands and provides tips for visiting this local attraction. Do you know you can picnic, swim, explore and even camp out on some of these islands? Marguerite will describe the park, tell you how to get there, and how to make the most of your visit.

Thursday June 3, 7:30pm

Join us for our Annual Friends of the Library General Meeting. Beth Goldman and Margot Sullivan will present *Foreign Intrigue*, a curious and curiouser medley of the latest mystery reads from countries near and far.

Please register for all programs by calling the library, 781-769-0200.